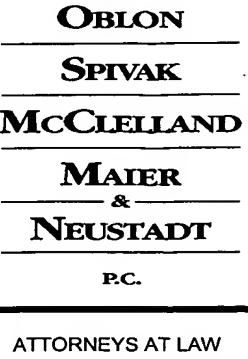




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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/785,090

Applicants: Yoshihiro TAKAMI

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METHOD, AND COMPOSITE CULTURED SKIN
EMPLOYING SAID MATRIX

Group Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: V. Afremova

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response to Restriction Requirement

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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 18, 2005, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II: Claims 4-8 drawn to an acellular dermal matrix for examination.

REMARKS

The Examiner is requiring restriction of the above-identified application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-3 and 9-13, drawn to a method for producing acellular dermal matrix by treating skin sample with protease and surfactant;

Group II: Claims 4-8, drawn to an acellular dermal matrix; and

Group III: Claim 14, drawn to a composite cultured skin.